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In re: Mueller, et al.

Appl. No.: 10/056,970

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For: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR WIRELESSLY TRANSMITTING DATA FROM A UTILITY METER

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Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated March 21, 2002, enclosed are the following:

- ☒ Part 2 of Formalities Letter or Form PTO-1533  
(Notice to File Missing Parts of Application)
- ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney for the above-identified application which has been executed by the named inventor(s)
- ☒ Applicant claims small entity status
- ☒ Check in the amount of \$435.00 to cover the filing fee of \$370.00 and the \$65.00 surcharge under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e)
- ☐ English Translation and \$130.00 (37 CFR 1.17(k)) fee for filing late.
- ☐ Other:

Any additional fee or credit may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- o The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 370 to complete the basic filing fee for a small entity.*
- o The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- o To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- o **The balance due by applicant is \$ 435.**

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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